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Docket No.: 30566/30028
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Patent Application of:
Madeline M. Butler, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/915,814

Group Art Unit: 1635

Filed: July 26, 2001

Examiner: Jane J. Zara

For: ANTISENSE MODULATION OF HORMONE-
SENSITIVE LIPASE EXPRESSION

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 29, 2003

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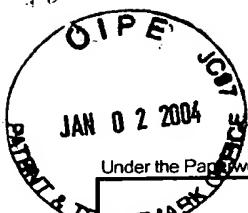
AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of July 29, 2003 in which all elected claims (1, 2 and 4-15, and 71-83) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b), 103(a), and 112, first and second paragraphs. Reconsideration of the rejection is solicited for the reasons set out below. This response is timely filed by virtue of a petition for a two-month extension of time submitted herewith which extends the due date for response to December 29, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.



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		First Named Inventor	Madeline M. Butler
		Art Unit	1645
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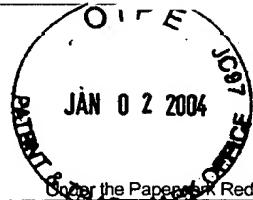
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	420.00
1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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